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FROM FIELD AND STUDY

White Ibis near Bunbury.—On March 22, 1957, while passing the lagoons situated on the Perth side of the Preston River bridge, between Pieton and Bunbury, I saw two White Ibis feeding not more than 30 yards from the roadside. Previous Bunbury district records, since the initial invasion in 1952, are given in the *W.A. Nat.*, 5: 45 and 119.

—S. R. WHITE, Floreat Park.

White Ibis in the Wheatbelt.—Since the original invasion of the White Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*) into the South-West in 1952 (*W.A. Nat.*, 3: 184) almost all of the records have been from coastal districts between Perth and Busselton. However, there are now two observations of the species in more inland localities. On December 16, 1957, Fauna Warden S. Bowler saw two White Ibis at Toolibin Lake, via Narrogin. On January 22, 1958, with members of the State Fauna Protection Advisory Committee on tour S. Bowler and I saw one White Ibis at "Nagel's," a freshwater swamp alongside the Katanning-Pingrup Road, and four miles beyond Lake Ewlymartup. At the same swamp were a White Egret and several White-faced and Pacific Herons.

—D. L. SERVENTY, Nedlands.

White and Glossy Ibis at Fremantle.—The White Ibis (*Threskiornis aethiopicus*) is a recent arrival into the South-west (D. L. Serventy, *W.A. Nat.*, 3: 184), having been recorded at Fremantle, Coolup, Bunbury and Busselton. I have registered the species in the Fremantle district on three occasions—in January and February, 1956 (*W.A. Nat.*, 5: 138), in February, 1957, and in January, 1958. On the second occasion, P. S. Stone and I observed an individual at Bibra Lake, and on the latter, I saw a group of four at the same locality. Apparently the species wanders into this region when smaller lakes and swamps of the South-West have largely evaporated.

A Glossy Ibis (*Plegadis falcinellus*) seen by myself at Yangebup Lake during January and February, 1957, and by Miss J. Russell and B. V. Teague in March, was probably the same individual seen by C. F. H. Jenkins (*W.A. Nat.*, 6: 55) at Bibra Lake in November, 1956.

—JULIAN R. FORD, Fremantle.

Yellow-billed Spoonbill and White Ibis at Australind.—On April 5, 1958, my son, Lindsay, and I inspected a pool near the Wellesley River and adjacent to the Brunswick-Australind road. Ten large white birds were present and at first sight all appeared to be White Egret (*Egretta alba*). One bird, however, attracted immediate attention by feeding in a typical spoonbill manner, i.e., pivoting head, neck and body from side to side with bill deeply submerged in the water in which the bird was standing. After some little time the bird raised its head, revealing a typical "spoon" bill, yellow in colour. Within a minute or so, the bird placed its head behind its wing and apparently went to sleep.

Only then could we give our attention to another bird about three feet from the Spoonbill, of similar form and also with head behind wing. We would have judged this to be a second Spoonbill, but whereas the legs of the Spoonbill were plainly yellow, those of its companion were black. As both birds had apparently settled down, we left the pool for a time.

Returning four hours later, we found all our white birds perched in a tree near the pool. All took to flight, a Yellow-billed Spoonbill (*Platalea flavipes*) and a White Ibis (*Threskiornis molucca*) separating from eight White Egret. The two former eventually settled in the pool while the Egret perched in a second tree nearby.

It seemed that the Spoonbill and the Ibis were fairly closely associated with each other and that both were loosely associated with the Egrets.

The Ibis appeared immature, i.e. head and neck were apparently fully feathered. In this respect it resembled five White Ibis which I saw by an ox-bow of the Preston River at Picton on May 15, 1957.

—ERIC H. SEDGWICK, Collie.

Little Eagle in Metropolitan Area.—A light phase Little Eagle (*Hieraaetus morphnoides*) was seen gliding over the shore of Monger's Lake, Leederville, on June 4, 1956. It was identified from several characters, including the underwing pattern. The eagle was heckled for some time by a pair of Magpies and gave the plaintive whistling call usually given by this species when being heckled. Serventy (*Birds of the Swan River District*, 1948, p. 32) gives only two records for the district (Cannington and Pickering Brook), neither of which is close to the city.

—J. H. CALABY, Canberra.

A Yellow Silvereye at Mandurah.—Further to the note by A. Jones on a yellow mutant of the Western Silvereye (*Zosterops australasica*) at Windy Harbour (*W.A. Nat.*, 6 (5): 127) I have to report a similar observation. In January 1958, while fishing at the